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REFERENCE TO "THE DISTANT NEIGHBOUR'S LINE"

From: MOSCOW
To: WASHINGTON
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19 February 1946

To KULIKOV⁽ⁱ⁾.

[C] Admit] to the premises of the OSSHO⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ SIDOROV
Vladimir Andreevich [pr cipher work in the Distant Neighbour's
[DAL'NIJ SOSED]⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ line.

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ZHEREBTSOV^(iv)

Comments: [i] KULIKOV: Known from another message to be Head of
the OSSHO in the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.
Probably either Vasilij Vasil'evich KULIKOV or
Petr K. KULIKOV, both of whom served as clerks in
the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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[ii] OSSHO: The code room. The meaning of the first 'O' has not been determined but might be OSOBYJ - ~~letter, 'Secret (classified)~~ special. The 'GSHO' probably stands for Secret Cipher Department [SEKRETNO-SHIFROVAL'NYJ OTDEL], which has occurred in the expanded form in MGB traffic.

[iii] ~~Secret~~ ~~in~~ ~~it~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~an~~ ~~employee~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~GRU~~ ~~attache~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Sov.~~ ~~DIL'NIJ~~ ~~SOSED~~: the Chief Intelligence Directorate (GRU) of the General Staff of the Red Army. The term originated through the geographical location of the GRU office in MOSCOW in relation to the NKID office. (See G.Z. SESEDOVSKIJ, "Na Putyakh K Termidoru", Paris, 1930, Vol. I, p. 50.)

[iv] ZHERSETOV: Head of 10th OTDEL (i.e. the cipher department) of the NKID in MOSCOW.

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